

DRAFT MINUTES, Article 36 Task force, meeting of 2/24/22

The Article 36 Task Force had a brief regular meeting on Feb. 24 via Zoom, at 7 pm.

Three members were present: Rob Gere, Jack Cushman, and Eva Rosenbloom, constituting a quorum.

Geoff Martin attended as a member of the public.

The task force, operating by consensus, approved the draft minutes of the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting.

The only item on the agenda was follow-up to the presentation of our report the previous evening at the Selectboard.

Gere and Cushman briefly described the SB session, which was attended by Cushman, Gere and Lamperti. It was noted that all select board members and the town manager appeared committed to following up on the task force recommendations and moving ahead on climate programs, projects and policies.

Cushman said that the next step for the task force would be to work with the newly elected Selectboard after town elections to assess the best methods for continuing work.

Cushman said that there are several prospective next steps. The Selectboard should be asked for any changes to the Task Force charge to keep the group moving forward under direction of the SB. This might include different membership roster, or a reassignment of roles and responsibilities among various town entities such as the Task Force, the Energy Committee, and the proposed new Green Procurement group if the Selectboard adopts related recommendations from our report. Any new directions would be at the discretion of the Selectboard.

Cushman recommended that in preparation for another regular meeting in March, members of the Task Force write brief individual memos with their ideas for reorganizing, reorienting or renewing our work. Cushman and Rosenbloom agreed to work together on a single draft memo reflecting this input that could be posted as a "packet" and put on the agenda for our next meeting. That way the public could comment on our work as we draft our ideas for next steps.

That way we could move forward with suggestions to the SB for next steps, in keeping with our consensus approach and with our open meeting processes.

In the absence of two members, given that we work by consensus and are on the verge of a town election, the group deferred any substantive work and agreed to adjourn.

Submitted by
Jack Cushman, chair